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SUBJ: VISIT TO THE U.S. OF MRS. KENYATTA

1. ASST. COMMISSIONER Z.A. LITT OF THE KENYA POLICE ADVISED ME TODAY OF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE U.S. OF MRS. KENYATTA, WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT OF KENYA. MRS. KENYATTA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARTY OF EIGHT CONSISTING OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND CHILDREN.

2. PARTY WILL DEPART NAIROBI JULY 25 TO VISIT UNSPECIFIED STOPS IN EUROPE. THEN EXPECTS TO ARRIVE NEW YORK AUGUST 12 FOR FIVE DAY VISIT, WILL VISIT LOS ANGELES FOR SIX DAYS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HONOLULU FOR THREE DAYS. HOTEL IN NEW YORK WILL BE WALDORF ASTORIA AND IN LOS ANGELES THE HILTON. HONOLULU NOT YET DETERMINED. ALL TRAVEL WILL BE BY AIR. AFTER LEAVING THE U.S. PARTY WILL CONTINUE TO TOKYO, SINGAPORE, HONG KONG, BANGKOK AND BOMBAY THROUGH ITINERARY FOR THIS ITINERARY NOT YET FIRM.

3. LITT EMPHASIZED THAT VISIT IS UNOFFICIAL AND TO BE DEVOTED TO SIGHTSEEING. PARTY WILL PROVIDE ALL THEIR OWN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSPORTATION BUT WILL APPRECIATE USUAL AIRPORT COURTESIES.

4. MRS. KENYATTA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SUPERINTENDENT AND A CHIEF INSPECTOR OF POLICE BOTH OF WHOM WILL BE ARMED. ADVISE WHAT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION FOR WEAPONS BOTH FOR ENTRY AND FOR TRAVEL IN THE U.S.

5. LITT ADVISED THAT THEY PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO HAVE U.S. PROTECTIVE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED UNLESS INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES AT ANY GIVEN TIME OR PLACE INDICATE A SPECIFIC THREAT, BUT HE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF OUR FIELD OFFICES IN ESTABLISHING LIAISON WITH AMERICAN POLICE AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO ASKED THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO THE TRIP AND ADVISED THAT THE ONLY KENYAN OFFICIAL WHO WILL BE NOTIFIED IS THEIR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.

6. LITT WILL PERSONALLY ADVANCE EACH OF THE LOCATIONS TO BE VISITED. I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE NAME OF SAC AND OFFICE ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF EACH OF THE THREE FIELD OFFICES INVOLVED IN ORDER THAT I MAY PROVIDE HIM WITH THIS INFORMATION.

COMMENT: ASST. COMMISSIONER LITT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE TWO KEY KENYAN POLICE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM PROTECTIVE PERSONNEL OF STATE, DEFENSE, SECRET SERVICE AND THE RSO HAVE WORKED DURING VISITS OF OUR VIPS TO KENYA FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS RENDERED INVALUABLE SERVICE TO US. I AM MOST ANXIOUS THAT ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE BE EXTENDED TO HIM.

7. EXACT ITINERARIES FOR BOTH LITT AND FOR THE MAIN PARTY WILL BE SUPPLIED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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